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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002 to January 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002 (Paper No. 18), as follows:

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REMARKS

Claims 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Iwasaki (U.S. Patent No. 5,972,493) in view of either Takeda (U.S. Patent No. 6,200,680)